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BOOK REVIEWS

THE TREATMENT OF WAR WOUNDS. By W. W. Keen, M.D., L.L.D., Emeritus Professor of Surgery, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. 169 pages. Illustrated. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia. Price, \$1.75 net.

The author of this recently published book on The Treatment of War Wounds needs no introduction to the members of the surgical and the nursing professions. There can be no question of the merit of a volume that is compiled by Dr. William W. Keen.

From an examination of surgical literature of the past two years one finds a preponderance of books and articles on war injuries. The great war has had the effect of definitely altering previously established methods. This book, compiled by Doctor Keen at the request of the National Research Council, will be of immediate usefulness, as it gives us memoranda on some of the more important and the more recent improvements in the treatment of war wounds. The volume is small, concise, exact in statement, and contains a few excellent illustrations. Important matter is included on the use of the new antiseptics; the Dakin-Carrel method of wound treatment; the serum treatment of tetanus; and the new antitoxin for the prevention of gas gangrene. Most interesting and instructive letters from men who have had first-hand experience and who are well known in the surgical and scientific world greatly enhance the value of this little book.

SURGICAL NURSING IN WAR. By Elizabeth R. Bundy, M.D. Member of the medical staff, Woman's Hospital, Philadelphia. 37 illustrations. P. Blakiston's Son and Company, Philadelphia. Price, 75 cents.

This book is but recently published and will be found particularly useful at this time. Dr. Bundy is well fitted to make the text practical because of her experience as a teacher of nurses. As the author says:

In the present wave of patriotism many nurses will offer themselves for service at or near the front. That they may understand some of the conditions which there exist and the consequent demands upon them, this little book was written, to set forth, not only the problems to be solved, but some of the means which have thus far been devised to that end.

Useful suggestions have been received from those who have been personally in service at the front, and the methods of the Royal Army Medical Corps of Great Britain are frequently quoted. This is a practical and useful book for every nurse, because treatments found beneficial in war hospitals will certainly be used in civilian hospitals.